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SUBJECT: CYRIL BATH STRETCH FORMING PRESS - IL 1081

REF: COCOM DOC.(78)108

1) SUB-ACEP ON AUGUST 9 DECIDED THAT CYRIL BATH (C-B) PRESS SHOULD BE APPROVED BECAUSE ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE EFFICIENCY OF THE SOVIET AIRCRAFT INDUSTRY WOULD BE SMALL IN COMPARISON TO THAT OF THE NINE ACB PRESSES WHICH AGENCIES FIND ESSENTIALLY COMPARABLE TO C-B PRESS. THE COMPARABILITY JUDGMENT IS BASED ON ALL THE FACTUAL, TECHNICAL AND CONCLUSORY DATA WE HAVE AMASSED FROM THE SERIES OF BILATERAL CONVERSATIONS WITH THE FRENCH AS WELL AS FROM COCOM DISCUSSIONS. AGENCIES BELIEVE THAT THE MOST LIKELY SOVIET USE FOR THE ACB AND C-B PRESSES, GIVEN THEIR SIZE AND CAPABILITY, IS IN THE AIRCRAFT MANUFACTURING AREA AND
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SINCE THE FRENCH INTEND TO CARRY THROUGH ON THE ACB TRANSACTION THE CONTRIBUTION THE ONE C-B PRESS WOULD MAKE HAD TO BE WEIGHED AGAINST THE FRENCH NINE.(COCOM DOC 78-108)

2) THE ONLY REMAINING IMPEDIMENT TO LICENSING THE C-B PRESS NOW IS OBTAINING UK AND GERMAN COCOM CONCURRENCE IN REF CASE. THEREFORE, USDEL IS REQUESTED TO APPROACH THE

UK AND GERMAN DELS ON AN URGENT BASIS AND URGE THEM TO CONCUR IN THE CYRIL BATH EXCEPTIONS REQUEST. IN MAKING THIS APPROACH, USDEL SHOULD EMPHASIZE THAT SINCE THE FRENCH SEEM DETERMINED TO FOLLOW THROUGH WITH THE ACB TRANSACTION THE MINIMAL IMPACT OF THE ONE CB PRESS VIS-A-VIS THE NINE ACB'S, IN OUR OPINION, OVERTAKES THE REASONS FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE RESERVES.

3) WE DO NOT INTEND TO SEEK ADDITIONAL END-USE INFORMATION IN RESPONSE TO THE UK RESERVE -- WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE A USELESS EXERCISE SINCE IT SEEMS LIKELY THAT THE SOVIETS WOULD CONTINUE TO GIVE US INFORMATION PARALLELING THE AUTOMOTIVE USE THE FRENCH HAVE GIVEN US IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS RE THE ACB'S -- NOR CAN WE GIVE THE ASSURANCES SOUGHT BY THE GERMANS. WE RECOGNIZE, HOWEVER, THAT SINCE THE BRITISH AND THE GERMANS HAVE GONE ON RECORD WITH REASONS FOR RESERVING, SOME FORMULA NEEDS TO BE DEvised FOR LIFTING THOSE RESERVES IN THE ABSENCE OF A US RESPONSE. IT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO US IF BOTH WERE TO ALLUDE IN THE COMMITTEE TO BILATERAL TALKS WITH THE US AS THE REASON FOR LIFTING THEIR RESERVES. WE WOULD PREFER IT, OF COURSE, IF BOTH MERELY STATED THAT THEIR AUTHORITIES REASSESSED THE MATTER AND CAME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT COMPARABILITY EXISTS AND THE ADDITION OF ONE MORE STRETCH FORMING PRESS TO THE SOVIET INVENTORY, TO BE ENHANCED BY THE NINE ACB'S, CONFIDENTIAL

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WOULD NOT MAKE THAT MUCH DIFFERENCE AND, ACCORDINGLY, WITHDRAW THEIR RESERVES.

4. USG EVALUATION OF THE STATED END-USER IS THAT IT IS AN AUTOMOBILE ENGINE MANUFACTURING PLANT WHICH HAS NO KNOWN NEED FOR SUCH A LARGE STRETCH FORMING PRESS. YOU MAY WANT TO USE THIS INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE IN YOUR BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS, SAYING THAT WHILE WE BELIEVE IT TO BE INACCURATE END-USE INFORMATION, NEVERTHELESS BECAUSE THE FRENCH PRESSES ARE BELIEVED TO BE GOING TO THE SAME PLANT, ONE ADDITIONAL US PRESS WILL MAKE LITTLE DIFFERENCE, NO MATTER WHERE THE PRSSES ARE USED

5. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT PRESSING FOR CONCURRENCE IN REF CASE MAY RAISE THE ISSUE OF CONTINUED EMBARGO COVERAGE OVER STRETCH FORMING PRESSES, PARTICULARLY BY THE BRITISH WHO HAVE ADVOCATED THAT DELETION. IF THIS QUESTION ARISES, USDEL SHOULD ATTEMPT TO DEFLECT IT, SAYING THAT THE ISSUE COULD BEST BE ADDRESSED ONLY IN THE CONTEXT OF A FORMAL PROPOSAL. VANCE

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